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1 The present report refers to the following documents:

D1: US 2003/048378 A1 (KIM YOUNG JUN ET AL) 13 March
2003 (2003-03-13)

D2: US 2003/137595 A1 (TAKACHI TAIZO) 24 July 2003
(2003-07-24).

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application fails to satisfy the requirements
of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1
is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses are to
D1):

Optical module including a circuit mounting (see Figures 7
to 9 and associated text);
a packaged semiconductor element which is arranged on the
circuit mounting; and a lens unit for projecting
electromagnetic radiation onto the semiconductor element;
wherein the packaged semiconductor element and the lens
unit are formed in two parts; and wherein a support is
formed, at least in sections, on the package of the
semiconductor element, and a lens unit is arranged on and
supported by said support.

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2, 4-7, 9

The claims 2, 4-7, 9 contain no features which, combined
with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet
the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.

4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 3,8

The combination of features contained in the dependent claim 3 appears to be an alternative to the combination of features contained in claim 4 and disclosed in D1. It therefore appears to fall within the scope of standard conventional measures which a person skilled in the art would apply without exercising an inventive step. The additional features in the dependent claim 8 likewise appear to fall within the scope of standard conventional measures.